

REMARKS

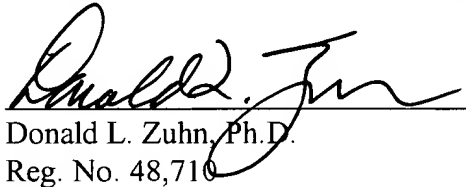
Claims 15, 58, and 62, as amended, and claims 9, 13, 14, 16, 46, 47, 57, 59, 60, and 61 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8, 10-12, 18-36, 43-45, and 48-56 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments to the claims have been made to bring the claims into compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(d). No new matter has been added as a result of the above-described amendments.

Applicants respectfully contend that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims as amended. Allowance of the claims is thereby respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Rawlings believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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